--- "Series of 1881" - RE-WORKED TOBACCO (RW) - Windsor Division [G 63] - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- lithographed in VIOLET ink - 238 x 20 mm - with 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed 1/2 over *LICENSE* **and lb. over** No..... **plus** *S.M. Return No. ..... / James Gow/* ***Collector*** **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *James Gow* replaced *C. F. Labadie* as Collector at Windsor on June 1st 1876.

John McKay records that 60,000 *lithographed* copies of "1/2 lb. Brown re-worked Tobacco" and 7,000 lithographed copies of "1/2 lb. Violet Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). He has grouped the 1880 and 1881 Division "Open" and "Specific" stamps.

McKay further records that 29,100 *lithographed* copies of "1/2 lb. Violet Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892), which was usually reserved for *obsolete* BABN production 'Delivered' to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all brown and violet re-worked strips have been declared *obsolete*, and thus many of these sheets were *control-free*. John McKay has grouped the 'brown' and the 'violet' strips in this single entry.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	60,000 brown
	7,000 violet
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	29,100 violet and also brown - JBH
	96,100

During February / March 1888, BABN 'Delivered' their remaining 29,100 violet and brown 1/2 pound strips, both *control-numbered* and *control-free*, in perforated and in imperforate form to the Department, and thus originates the multiplicity of Brandom listed strips. I can see no other reason for the existence of a *control-numbered* imperforate strip - it was simply *unfinished stock*. The same can be said for the *control-free* perforated, rouletted and imperforate. They are plainly just anomalies, and they should be collected as such - i.e. not given a separate catalogue number.

The final 'upper-limit' control number on the 1/2 pound RE-WORKED TOBACCO strips - as collected to date

1/2 pound, Division Open - brown	**071188**
1/2 pound, Montreal Division - brown	**010204**
1/2 pound, Windsor Division "G 63" - violet	none
1/2 pound, Windsor Division [ ] - violet	**002630**
	84,022

The catalogue lists the Windsor, 1/2 pound - violet [G 63] RE-WORKED strip as follows:

RW-70†- Windsor, 1/2 pound - violet [G 63], *coarse roulette*, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of **RW-70†** - the violet *coarse roulette*, one pound Windsor - G 63 strip - lithographed in violet ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove.

RW-70n - 1/2 pound, violet, *coarse roulette*, Windsor Division **G 63**, *without* control numbering, Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - badly bowed by the lithographer

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